Summaries of progress and plans for the key recommendations of the CU-Boulder Engineering Advisory Council (EAC) made at its 4/24/2015 meeting are provided below. This summary, prior reports and other EAC information are posted on the EAC website at http://www.colorado.edu/engineering/about/engineering-advisory-council

**Department Updates and Training** – It was recommended that department chairs provide updates in one year and that incentives and leadership training be provided. In response, departmental updates will be provided at the 4/22/2016 EAC meeting, and Dean Robert Davis held an orientation and training for new (and old) department chairs and program directors on 8/24/2015. Two new department chairs were named this summer: Michael Hannigan for Mechanical Engineering and Robert McLeod for Electrical, Computer, and Energy Engineering. Balaji Rajagopalan was named a new chair in the Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering Department the previous year. They were provided incentives of salary supplements, discretionary research funds, and growth funding. Assistant Dean JoAnn Zelasko also has been working individually with each of the new chairs to work through various administrative procedures and best management practices.

**Office Manager Position** – In response to the recommendation that each department has an office manager, the Mechanical Engineering Department has created an office manager position, while the other five departments each already has an office manager. The identification of this role has substantially contributed to the College’s efficient operation in this period of substantial growth. Assistant Dean JoAnn Zelasko also created a College Administrators Team comprised of the office managers, with regular meetings to share best practices and news. Reviews of bylaws are underway.

**College Advancement Team** – It was recommended that advancement efforts be improved through long-term relations, reduced turnover, and engagement of the Chancellor and President. It is too early to determine the long-term impact, but vacant positions have been filled and the new leadership is off to a good start. Deb Coffin was named Vice Chancellor for Advancement on the CU-Boulder campus in June this year, and Anne Shoup was named Assistant Dean for Advancement in the College of Engineering and Applied Science in July this year. Deb has been on the CU-Boulder campus for the past 14 years, most recently as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Anne was previously Director of Leadership Giving for the Climate Reality Project. Both Deb and Anne are busy organizing their teams and focusing them on caring for our alumni and donors and building a culture of alumni stewardship and connection, including engagement of the Chancellor and President.

**Increase Communications on the Quality of College Programs** – This past year has been one of extraordinary achievement by our faculty and staff. We have been able to communicate those accomplishments through our annual magazine, our annual showcase and, most
recently, a focused communication on the eight NSF career awards for our young faculty. These eight awardees join 55 other CU faculty who have received NSF career awards and are believed to be the most by any engineering college in the country. We had numerous press releases and website posts that resulted in newspaper articles and other publications.

**Upcoming Meeting Emphasis** – The 10/16/15 EAC meeting will be focused on student persistence, which is a campus and college priority. The EAC did some groundbreaking work in this area three years ago, and we will report our progress against those recommendations. The Grand Challenge was publicly launched a few weeks ago, and there will be more to report by the 4/22/16 EAC meeting. An overview of campus and college advancement efforts will be presented by Deb Coffin and Anne Shoup at the 10/16/15 EAC meeting, and the Dean will also provide an update on the proposed Aerospace Building.